



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 10, 2003

H.R. 3157

A bill to provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist state and local employees of the department in coordination with other disaster agencies in response to a federally declared disaster area as a result of a disaster

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on October 29, 2003

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3157 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. This bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to designate and deploy disaster liaisons to the department's field offices in federally declared disaster areas to coordinate the disaster response efforts of the department. The deployment of the disaster liaison would not exceed 30 days.

The responsibility of coordinating the department's emergency response duties are already assigned to state and local employees of the department. CBO expects that the cost of any additional work resulting from implementing H.R. 3157 would be negligible. Any such additional costs would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 3157 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3157 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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